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SUBJECT: THULE HELICOPTERS

1. MINISTRY OF GREENLAND OFFICIAL (LEMCHE) INFORMED EMBASSY DECEMBER 14 THAT DECISION ON THULE HELICOPTERS IS TO BE TAKEN BY GREENLAND COUNCIL AT END OF JANUARY. COUNCIL IS A BROADLY BASED POLITICAL GROUP WHICH INCLUDES LOCAL GREENLAND REPRESENTATIVES, AND GREENLAND MEMBERS OF DANISH PARLIAMENT, AS WELL AS DANES.

2. MINISTRY BELIEVES ITS LIMITED NEEDS WOULD BE MET BY PROVIDING JET RANGER HELICOPTER, WHICH CAN CARRY FOUR PASSENGERS OR EQUIVALENT WEIGHT OF FREIGHT. ALTERNATIVE IS MUCH MORE COSTLY SIKORSKY S-58. WHILE DANES WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMMODATE US REQUIREMENTS BEYOND JET RANGER CAPABILITY, THEY BELIEVE THEY COULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO DO SO IF THIS PROVED UNECONOMIC. THEY CALCULATE THAT USING S-58 WOULD MEAN ADDITIONAL COSTS OF
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5,000 TO 6,000 DANISH KRONER (ABOUT \$850 TO \$100) PER

HOUR, AT AN ESTIMATED 200 HOURS PER YEAR OVER SEVEN YEARS. MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE OUR COMMENTS ASAP.

3. LEMCHE ALSO NOTED THAT DANISH MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL ORDINARILY NOT PERMIT HELICOPTERS TO CARRY PASSENGERS DURING OUR DARKEST WINTER MONTHS, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY CASES. ONCE CAPE ATHOLL IS PHASED OUT, HOWEVER, PRESUMABLY AT END OF 1974, THIS SHOULD NOT CAUSE GREAT PROBLEMS FOR USG.
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